TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 464 - HB 505

March 9, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement that candidates for sheriff have at least three years of experience as a POST commission-certified police officer in the past ten years. Authorizes a person to challenge a candidate's qualifications for sheriff by filing a written challenge with the POST Commission. Specifies the requirements for the POST Commission when receiving any such written challenge. Creates a Class A misdemeanor for intentionally filing a fraudulent challenge with the POST Commission.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information from the Department of Commerce and Insurance, candidates for Sheriff will not have to be POST certified to stand for Sheriff under the provisions of this bill.
- The department indicates that once elected or appointed, sheriffs could not be compelled to become POST certified; the department also indicates an unlikelihood that insurance premiums will increase by any significant amount.
- Any increase in state expenditures for the POST Commission to handle or process written challenges is considered to be not significant because so few challenges are anticipated.
- There will not be a sufficient number of Class A misdemeanor prosecutions for the state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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